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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of John F. Whiteside of Joliet on Saturday, January 22, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Vienna, and was a longtime Joliet area resident; he was a graduate of Northern Illinois University, Joliet Junior College, and Vienna High School; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Whiteside was a United States Air Force veteran and a featured columnist at the Joliet Herald News, where he started his career as a beat reporter in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, He was the recipient of many awards throughout his outstanding career at the Joliet Herald News, including the 2001 Governor's Hometown Award for his first place Taylor Pirc Police Video Camera Project, the 1981 Illinois Journalist of the Year Award, and the Will County Sheriff's Department 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award; the Joliet Area Historical Museum War Heroes Gallery was named in his honor; he received an Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad Certificate of Appreciation for support in establishing the honor guard, and a resolution was passed by the House of Representatives on November 19, 2004 honoring his long service to the Herald News and the Joliet Community; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of John F. Whiteside has been deeply felt by many, especially his loving wife of 39 years, Mary Jane (nee Wharton) Whiteside; his daughter, Shelley Ann Whiteside; his mother, Jane Hill; his brothers, Jerry (Katrina) Whiteside and Allan (Mary Ann) Hill; his sister, Sue (Dr. David) Ray; his stepsisters, Greta (Ed) Chitwood and Gloria (Homer) Baker; and his numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; he was preceded in death by his father, Sherman Whiteside; his beloved grandmother, Lula Whiteside; his Aunt Mary Whiteside; his Aunt

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1 Martha Koehler; and his loving stepfather, Robert C. Hill;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 John F. Whiteside, who exemplified the highest ideals of
6 journalism and community responsibility, and we extend our
7 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
8 and loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
11 sympathy.